

**Mid-Michigan Library League
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2026
Leland Township Library**

Call to Order: Justine Peterson 10:30

Members Present: Mary Peterson (Group 1), Amanda McLaren (Group 2), Tracy Logan-Walker, (Group 3), Diane Eisenga (Group 4), Eric Smith (Group 5), Justine Peterson (Group 9)

Also present: Director Jennifer Balcolm

Members Absent: Valerie Church-McHugh (Group 7), Lois Langenburg (Group 6), Vacant Position (Group 8)

Approval of agenda: M/S M Peterson, Tracey to approve the agenda, motion passed

Approval of Minutes from July 16, 2026: M/S McLaren, Logan-Walker, Motion passed

Public Participation and Communications – Mark Mortenson, Tracy talked about Ambient RLA is live, all partner libraries are listed and patrons are able to get their books faster

Financial Reports – Expenditure Reports for July, 2026: M/S Eisenga, M Peterson to approve the expenditure reports for July 2026; – roll call vote McLaren yes, Logan-Walker Aye, Eisenga – Aye, Smith – Aye J. Peterson – Aye, M. Peterson Aye: Expenditure Report approved

M/S Logan-Walker, McLaren to approve the financial reports, Motion passed

Director's report – LOM Board meeting this week, Jennifer was able to meet the new Superintendent of Education, State librarian position advertised, Talked about QUSAC revision, MLA will be putting together some trainings on Intellectual freedom, talked about planning for budget and annual meeting

Committee reports: no meetings

Old Business –

Discussion Items:

Vacancy Group 8 was brought up, Jennifer talked to Anne Surry about vacant board position. Talked about State Aid qualifiers. We need to keep 9 members; it's based on our plan of service. She suggested talking to Claire for clarification, Michelle Bradley said the LOM does not approve plans of service, possibly when the new Superintendent is settled, they might set up a plan for what to do in this situation. Anne could help us draft something if we need to change our plan

of service. It was brought up if there is a period of time we should wait before seeing if we can appoint someone. It was suggested waiting five consecutive meetings before taking action.

2026-2027 Draft Budget Mentioned possible RIDES cost up, Insurance cost will also be rising.

2026-2027 Advisory Council and CE Priorities - Meetings from October to May was suggested Motion was made by Tracy to change the advisory council schedule Oct – May with the option to add as needed to Amanda seconded, Motion passed

Rides Fuel Surcharge – Fees will be going up because of higher fuel costs M/S Smith, McLaren for MMLL to pay for RIDES fuel surcharge Motion passed

New Business: All Pro Proposal Motion to accept the quote – M/S Logan-Walker, M. Peterson. Item approved

New Printer? Tracy has offered for Jennifer to print colored copies at Cadillac Library – Invoice to MMLL for cost

Jennifer has asked for quotes for new computers to replacing aging computers

Public comments

Advisory Council comments Looking forward to next summer

Board member comments

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 11:36